

Former Boy Scout Leader Awaits Sentencing for Producing Child Pornography

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LEXINGTON — The United States Attorney's Office, the FBI and the Kentucky State Police jointly announced today that a former Boy Scout leader and volunteer teacher in Irvine, Ky. will be sentenced in July for producing and possessing child pornography.

Robert G. Dundon, 56, of Lexington, pleaded guilty on April 22 to the charges and will receive a minimum of 15 years in prison.

Dundon admitted that in June 2010, he took photographs of a minor child engaged in sexually explicit conduct. The pictures were taken at his business and part time residence, Dundon's Press, located in Estill County. He stored these images on his computer and camera cards.

Dundon further admitted that he also possessed 6,635 still images and 300 videos of child pornography. According to his plea agreement, Dundon had been downloading child pornography since 1995.

Dundon acknowledged that he is a former volunteer at Estill County Middle School and is a former Boy Scout leader in both Fayette and Estill Counties.

A federal grand jury indicted Dundon in February 2011. A man notified Kentucky State Police last year when he noticed Dundon photographing nude minors at Fort Boonesborough Beach in Madison County.

Kerry B. Harvey, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Elizabeth A. Fries, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Rodney Brewer, Commissioner, Kentucky State Police, jointly made the announcement today after Dundon entered his guilty plea.

The investigation was conducted by the Kentucky State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The United States was represented in the case by Assistant United States Attorney Lindsay Hughes Thurston.

Dundon is currently scheduled to appear for sentencing before United States District

Court Senior Judge Karl S. Forester in Lexington on July 15, 2011. Dundon faces a minimum prison sentence of 15 years and a maximum term of 40 years. However, any sentence following conviction would be imposed by the court after consideration of the United States Sentencing Guidelines and the federal statute governing the imposition of sentences.

This case was brought by Project Safe Childhood (PSC), a nationwide initiative started in 2006 that strives to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. PSC marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children. For information please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov